

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE</b>
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Masaki YODA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1796
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Application No.: 10/573,840	)	Examiner: Vu Anh NGUYEN
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Filing Date: March 29, 2006	)	Confirmation No.: 5189
	)	
Title: ADDITIVE FOR PRINTING INK,	)	
SOLVENT DISPERSION FOR	)	
PRINTING INK, AND PRINTING INK	)	

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability issued on October 26, 2009, in connection with the above-identified application.

The comments in the Statement states:

[Toyoda] is silent as to an  $M_z/M_w$  value and a penetration hardness value of the disclosed polyethylene wax, and said wax has an acid value of 30-100 KOH-mg/g whereas the claimed value is 0.3-9.9 KOH-mg/g. While there is a reasonable basis to believe that the disclosed wax inherently or obviously possesses an  $M_z/M_w$  value and a penetration hardness value within the claimed ranges, it would not have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art to have modified the prior art dispersion to arrive at the claimed dispersion by lowering the acid value for at least the following reason....

(paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Notice).

As set forth on page 6 of the Amendment filed on September 16, 2009, Toyoda teaches away from using a polyethylene-based wax having an acid value of 0.3-9.9 KOH-mg/g. Moreover, Toyoda fails to disclose or suggest the unexpected results which can be obtained in the presently claimed invention (see page 7 of the Amendment).

Thus, this paper is being filed to clarify the record and point out that the comments in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be understood to imply all the reasons that the claims in this application are patentable over the cited reference.

Furthermore, each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited reference on their own merits, as delineated in the features of said claims.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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